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Subject
Another Conroe's Citizen Call to EPA

FYI:

(b) (6) telephoned this morning and said to have obtained my telephone number from Mr. Phil Dellinger. He called to express his concerns with TexCom, Inc.'s plans to initiate large commercial disposal operations using Class I injection wells "within a residential area" of Conroe.

Mr. (b) (6) indicated that he is concerned that the presence of many nearly seventy year old, former oil producing wells in the area surrounding the proposed operations, along with possible geological features such as fractures, faults and "fissures", could cause the injected fluids to migrate into, and the contamination of, the Evangeline and other aquifers, affecting many people's sources of drinking water "all the way to south Houston". Mr. (b) (6) also mentioned his concern with the prospect of traffic congestion and noise pollution in his neighborhood resulting from having "100 tanker trucks per day delivering waste to the facility, seven days a week, for the next 30 years". He could not provide details on the proposed injection wells and did not clarify whether he owns a water supply well, but he did say that he resides near Creighton road, "a couple of miles" west of TexCom, Inc.'s facility.

He indicated that his main source of information is a brochure that was put out by an association of citizens known as "CROW" which, according to (b) (6). He said that "CROW" has called a public meeting for next Thursday, November 8, 2007.

Mr. (b) (6) story sounds very similar to that provided by Mr. (b) (6) especially since he made reference to the same proposed injection materials that Mr. (b) (6) mentioned. It appears they live in the same general area and may have been looking at the same source of information, the "CROW"'s brochure.

I explained to Mr. (b) (6) the role of EPA with regard to the delegated UIC

program. He then mentioned his having learned from TCEQ that the permit applications would be reviewed by technical personnel and having been told that, if no basis was found to deny the requested permit for the proposed operations, permits might be issued. I told Mr. (b) (6) that EPA will continue to listen to the citizens, will continue to monitor the status of the applications, and will learn as much detail about the proposed operations as may be necessary.

I provided Mr. (b) (6) with my e-mail address and encouraged him to ask questions and provide comments. He said he was going to send me an e-mail next Thursday.

The attached file is a "press release" from TexCom, Inc., which makes reference to its proposed disposal operations in Montgomery County.